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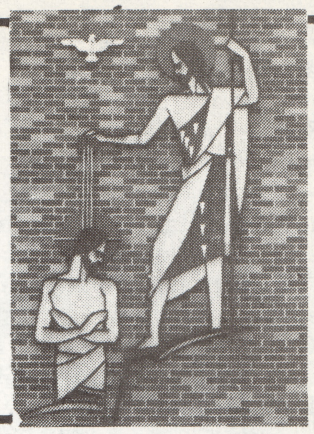


Annual State of the Parish Message to be given today
Fr. Harvey will speak at all Masses
Time and Talent Surveys given for 1976-77

Just A Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

State of the Parish Sunday

The apostle James asks a hard question of us this week in his Epistle which is designated as a Scripture reading for today. "What good is it," James states, "to profess faith without practicing it? Faith that does nothing in practice is thoroughly lifeless."

In many ways, the majority of parishioners in St. John's have shown that their faith is quite alive and exhibit a marked interest in allowing their faith-life to grow.

Once a year, we have tried to set aside one weekend for the purpose of reassessing our own commitment to our parish community - a sign of our faithfulness. By reviewing past accomplishments as a parish and looking forward toward the achievement of goals set by our Council and Commissions in cooperation with the Pastoral Team which ministers to this community, we hope to gain overall view of the State of the Parish.

At the close of our fiscal year on June 30, 1976, the entire financial and statistical reports for the parish and for our Education Center were printed in this paper as they were submitted to the Bishop. I wish only to highlight some of the information here and during the Sunday homily time so that everyone is aware of the general condition of our community.

After meeting with our Parish Council and the Council's working Commissions during Team Week in August, a general spirit of satisfaction and continued progress seemed to be evident. Life is not perfect but there certainly is no warranted reason for despair or discouragement.

St. John's Parish is marked by a pervading spirit of charity for one another and certainly by generosity. Personally, I have become somewhat disturbed more recently by unfounded and even slanderous rumors which have cropped up from a very, very few misinformed people. I intend to confront such divisive talk head-on and openly, if necessary. The unity which has been a characteristic of our parish these past few years will **not** be destroyed by any devilish spirit. I would ask every parishioner worthy of the name "Christian" to do the same. **Membership Increase**

Apart from the general spirit of a parish community, which at times is difficult to judge, hard facts can sometime speak more loudly. Once again, our parish experienced numerical growth during the past year, topping the 3,000 figure in registered members. There, likewise, was substantial increase in both the numbers of parishioners actively contributing personal service to the parish and in the number of those receiving continuing Christian education. Almost 500 adults participated in some program of faith development last year. That's a very good sign. There was likewise an increase in the number of junior and senior high school students receiving some formal religious education. The elementary level experienced a slight decline, mainly due to the lower birth rate some years back.

Financial Increase

The fiscal year, 1975-76 saw an increase of 8.6% in offertory income over the previous year. However, increased operational costs for the past fiscal year also increased 7.7%. Thanks to the new contributors as well as to the many parishioners who realistically increased their own contributions to the parish during the past year, we once again balanced in the black. If **all parishioners** were able to increase their financial support of the parish according to the increases and raises they experience in personal income, there never would be need to worry about paying bills on a parish level.

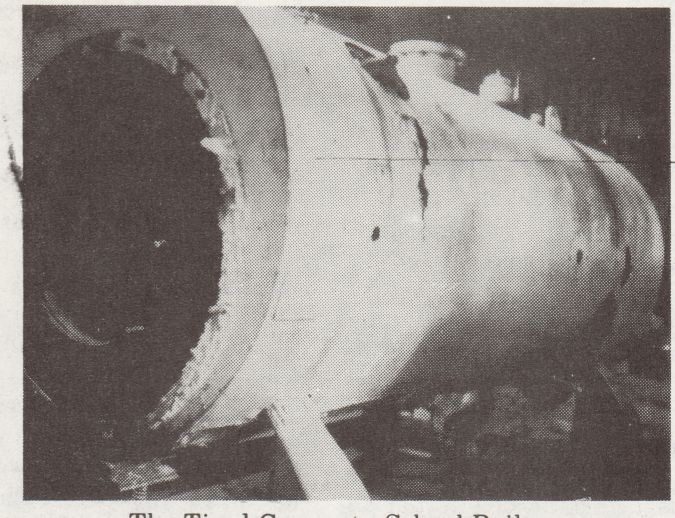
Capital Improvements

Certainly the "queen" of improvements to the physical plant is the recently completed hall renovation. Three years ago when we announced plans to completely renovate the church hall, lavatories, kitchen facilities, the project seemed almost staggering. Today, the beautiful facility which many of you helped make possible exists as a tribute to your extra generosity and cooperation. As you know, no operational income was used to

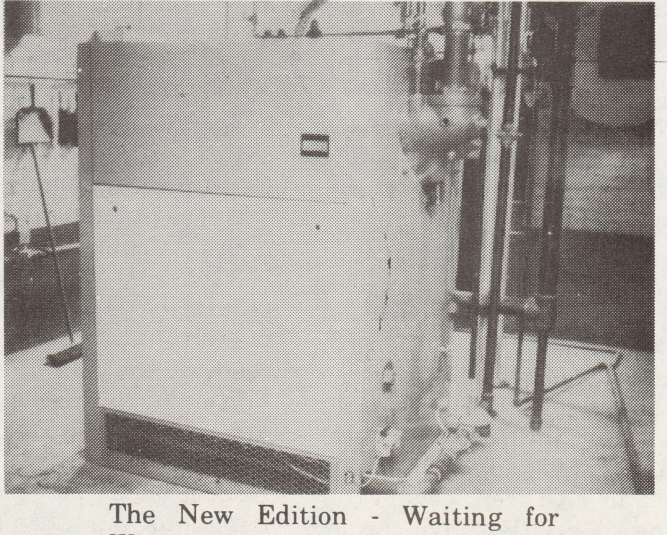
renovate the hall. Resources were obtained from a special drive held each Spring for the past three years and from contributions given from Estates and from memorials designated by families at the time of the death of a loved one. Printed below is a current summary for the hall renovation project.

Total Collected
To Date $131,624.94
Total Expenditures
To Date $127,958.69
Balance as of 9-8-76 ..... $3,666.25
Unpaid bills received
to Date $4,859.00
Unpaid Pledges
Receivable $3,055.50
Source of Income for Hall Renovation
Parishioners
Contributions $86,095.98**
Memorials (including Al Walter's Memorial gift of $30,518.46) $39,406.96
Service Commission projects (Not including direct purchases) $6,122.00
(**Actual income figure. Contributed professional services by individual parishioners in the approximate amount of $25,000.00 is not included in this figure.)

A major expenditure for the present year is the installation of a new boiler to heat the Education Center - Convent complex. As you will recall, two years ago I passed along the verdict which the State regulatory bureau has given us -- namely, that a new boiler must be installed within two years, if we wished to obtain a boiler license to heat the convent and school. A new boiler was also installed for the rectory during this past fiscal year.



The Tired Convent - School Boiler



The New Edition - Waiting for Winter
Cost: $10,600.00

Another major improvement to the church building itself is being completed at the present time. Our beautiful stained glass windows, among the most remarkable in the area, have been covered with protective Lexan, a non-breakable, non-yellowing material which will prevent further vandalism to the leaded windows and will also act as an additional insullative agent for the building itself. In the past few months, we have experienced vandalism to some of the windows. Since the windows are indeed works of art, with a valuation today of well over $100,000.00, the Administration Commission with Council's approval let the job to Plagens Studios at the bid price of $8,572.00. The price includes repair, cleaning and installation of the protective coverings.

Looking ahead, we would hope to see our way clear, with your help, to give some attention to the condition of the church pews and the pew kneelers in the months to come.

The installation of the "new" organ will hopefully be completed by the end of this calendar year. As you may recall, the remaining estate funds from the late Mr. Harold Block are making the organ installation possible. Operational monies are not being used for the organ project.

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In summary, I can only say "thanks" to all who have contributed to the many bright spots which reflect in some part, the State of the Parish. As each of us volunteers time and personal resources to our community for the coming year, please do it with a generous heart. The words of Jesus in today's Gospel provide a fitting conclusion to this report and a demanding challenge to you and me. "Whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." Every time we respond to our community's needs, be it as worshippers, educators, or in a type of service, we lose something of self only to be filled in an even more abundant measure with the Lord's love.

Adult Inquiry Class and Convert Instructions to begin on Wednesday, October 6th, 7:30 p.m. More information later.

This Is It... The Week For...

The St. Vincent de Paul Shopping Spree

Pick up your identification card from one of the SVDP workers this Sunday at any door of church. **Do your buying on Wednesday, September 15th with 5% of your total returned to our St. Vincent Group. We can make this day a grand success with so little effort ... Won't You Help Us?**

Register to Vote

"All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good people to do nothing." **Your Vote Counts ... Register before October 2, 1976.**

Education Corner

Reminder: Registration for Religious Education Classes take place after all Masses this weekend. Please remember to register your children for our Special Education Classes as well.

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Religious Education Released Time Permission Slips should be given to Ms. Eileen Hageman, returned to the center before classes begin on September 21 and 22, or dropped into the collection basket properly labeled for the center.

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Catechists and Education Commission will meet Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the convent for liturgy, brief meeting, and potluck supper.

Many Thanks

After Masses last weekend, I was privileged to meet so many parishioners who stopped by to wish me a 'warm welcome.' Also I am grateful to Sister Carol Denise and the many women who helped her serve punch, coffee, and cake. If first impressions are lasting, I am impressed and believe it will last!

Fr. Jim Burns

Once again our parishioners showed their desire to help out when the occasion arises as was evidenced last weekend when baked goods were sent in for the reception for Father Burns. Juanita Blystone baked the special welcome cake with all her artistic talent and the effect was admired by all. The Service Commission is grateful to those who generously baked and who helped at each of the Masses. May you be much blessed for this generosity.

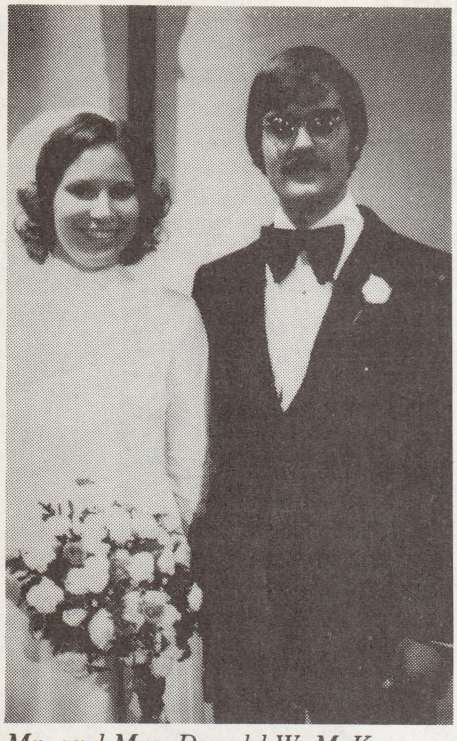
Parish Nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Trzcinski

Marie Genevieve Adams and Kenneth Leo Trzcinski solemnized their covenant of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Friday evening, September 3, 1976.

Geni is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Zepeda. Kenn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Trzcinski.

Main witnesses to the vows were Thomas J. Trzcinski of Detroit and Virginia Bujno of Troy. Both attendants also served as lectors for the Mass. The bride's brother, Phil Zepeda was commentator, guitarist, and cantor. Gregory Furjanic was the organist.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. McKay
September 4, 1976

On Saturday evening, Kathleen E. Walters, daughter of Mrs. Alfred E. Walters and the late Mr. Walters, exchanged vows of holy marriage with Donald W. McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. McKay. Robert McKay of East Lansing and Marlene Stortz of Dearborn Heights were the main attendants who witnessed the vows along with Fr. Harvey who officiated.

Robert Walters and Lance Walters were lectors for the celebration. Mr. Melvin Light was organist.

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We extend sincere congratulations to the newly-wedded couples and pray that their homes be filled with the Spirit of Christ's peace!

New Life In Christ

Jeremy Scott Knapp, son of Gerald and Nancy (Linehan) Knapp, 1305 W. Cross St., was welcomed into St. John's Community on Sunday, September 5, 1976 by Fr. Harvey who supplied the ceremonies for Holy Baptism which took place at University Hospital on July 2, 1976. Jeremy's godparents are Stephen and Suzanne Zappone. Welcome, Jeremy. Congratulations parents!

St. John's 3rd Bingo

Anniversary Games
to be held on
Wednesday, September 29th
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What Do You Read?

The Fall (September) issue of **Spiritual Life** is devoted to the theme **Asceticism and Suffering.** Seven thought-provoking articles emphasize the importance of self-discipline and self-denial as an element in our Christian life, as indicated in Our Lord's admonition: "If any one would be my disciple, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and come follow me."

During September, **America Magazine,** recipient of the General Excellence Award of the Catholic Press Association in 1975, will offer each week editorial commentary on those national and world issues that involve the Catholic conscience and consciousness.

Problem Pregnancy Help Inc

We are asking again for your help ... for those who know us and have helped, we thank you and God bless you ... for those who are new in the area we would like to explain who and what we are. We're a service orgainzation offering alternatives to abortion to women of all ages who are troubled by an unplanned pregnancy. We do not judge them, we only try to help them. We are strictly a volunteer organization, all of our services are free and we try to help our clients in any way possible. To do this we are in need of everyone's help.

At this time we are in need of active volunteers, as many have left over the summer. We are going to start our fall training session on Oct. 5, 1976 - more about this later.

Desperately ~~needed at this~~ time are homes for our girls. If anyone has an extra room and could help shelter a mother-to-be for one (1) to three (3) months, we would be eternally grateful.

Also needed at this time are cribs, newborn and small clothes, especially undershirts and warm blankets. If you can help in any way, please call Stephanie Kowalski, 971-3742 or Pat Kay, 662-4157. Thank you for your help and continued support. God love you.

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The following Masses are being celebrated by Fr. Paul-Stephen Holt:

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Massey & Eula LeFevre

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Edward & Phyllis Wells & Family

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Donna C. Fannin

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Joyce Rucinski

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Eleanor Hines

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Ruth McConnell & Grabric Family

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Florence & Bob Woodside

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Mary Towler

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Riley

Lealand McCarberry, req. by Marie Lawson & Family

Marriage Encounter

We will be having an information night Sunday, Sept. 12th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church in Ann Arbor, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd. We will be in the Geneva Smith library in the lower level of the church. There will be an informal presentation about Marriage Encounter, some sharing of experiences by encountered couples, and a chance for you to ask questions. We do not plan to coerce you in any way. Come and have your questions answered. For further information, call Rob and Margie Lemkuhl at 434-5446.

Christmas Bazaar Quilting Bee September 17th

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
or 5:00 to ??? p.m.

Any lady who can lend a hand is invited to Joan Gillmans, 1207 Pearl St.

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Also Joan has 8 dolls to be dressed for the Christmas Bazaar. Call her at 482-3754 to make your request for one.

Special Reminders ....

... **Christmas Bazaar Meeting** to be held tomorrow, Sept. 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall for all interested in working on this year's Christmas Bazaar.

... **Recipe Lovers** envelope at the doors of church are waiting to be filled so that we can plan on a parish cookbook for the Christmas Bazaar ... have you left yours yet?

... **National Council of Catholic Women** meet at St. Joseph, Whittaker on Wednesday, Sept. 15th with Mass at 10:00 a.m., potluck luncheon, and a business meeting.

... **Former Pastor, Monsignor G. Warren Peek** will celebrate Mass here on Sunday, Sept. 19th.

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Mass Schedule

Monday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, bishop-doctor
7:00 a.m. Margaret Baker, req. by Betty Jurinic
2:30 p.m. Irene Williams, req. by Josephine Ament (at Parkview Nursing Home)

Tuesday, September 14 - Triumph of the Holy Cross
7:00 a.m. William Moore, req. by Helen Diehl
5:15 p.m. Martin P. O'Hara, req. by Mr. Dan O'Hara

Wednesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows
7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max
9:00 a.m. Margaret Wyese, req. by Alfred H. Husse

Thursday, September 16 - Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian, martyrs
7:00 a.m. Fr. William Bath, 36th Anniv., req. by Mrs. Ella Bath & daughter
9:00 a.m. Helen Mary Brown, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Rafe Kerrian and Mr. & Mrs. Ben Farabee

Friday, September 17 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Helen Timoshek, req. by Mrs. A. Boetsch

Saturday, September 18 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**
12:00 Noon - Nuptial Mass for Chris Lussier and Carolyn Maass
5:00 p.m. George Weins, 7th Anniv., req. by Juanita & Family

Sunday, September 19
7:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Edward C. Bath, 23rd Anniv., req. by Mrs. Ella Beth & daughter
11:00 a.m. Violet Hagemaster, req. by the Falahee Grandchildren
12:30 p.m. Marian Louise Bauer, req. by her husband William

Wedding Banns

III - Chris Lussier and Carolyn Maass

I - William Bauer and Matilda Thomas

Financial Barometer

Sunday, September 5, 1976

Sunday Offering $3,365.96
Hall Renovation 75.00

Have a nice summer? Enjoy your vacation? We hope so. Everyone needs this season to ease up a bit. However, some of our people "eased up" in their church support. If you did, why not make up Sunday offertory envelopes for weekends away. It's a nice way of saying "thanks" to Almighty God for safe summer months.

Parish Council Agenda Monday, September 13

8:00 P.M.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Commission Reports:
   A. Administration Commission - Mr. David Wheeler
      1. Financial Report
      2. Renovation Report
      3. Church Window Protection
      4. Needham Hall
      5. Health Department License
      6. Sale of School Property
      7. Catholic Central High School
      8. Time and Talent Survey
      9. Basement Sewer System
   B. Education Commission - Mrs. Carole Dyska
      1. Christian Morality in conjunction with sex education taught in public schools.
      2. Education Board converting to Commission
      3. Catechists commissioned - potluck
   C. Service Commission - Mrs. Natalie Bowyer
      1. Financial Reports
      2. Division of Commission Recommendation
   D. Worship Commission - Mr. John Thomas
      1. Time and Talent Survey
      2. Intercessory Prayer Group
      3. Children's Liturgy
4. Old Business
   1. Catholic Central Survey Report
   2. Parish Survey Report
5. New Business
6. Guests presenting petition about Needham Hall
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

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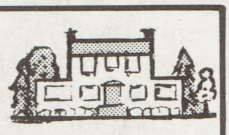

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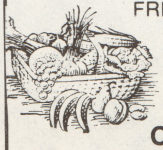

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